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Letter dated 22 July 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

At the request of Ahmad Mohammad Ali, President of the Islamic Development Bank, a specialized institution of the Organization of the Islamic Conference with headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, I have the honour to convey the interest of the Bank in obtaining observer status with the Economic and Social Council.

As a major intergovernmental financial institution, the Bank is playing a useful role in supporting the development efforts of its 54 member States, all of whom are also States Members of the United Nations. Thus, the Bank's participation in the work of the Council in the capacity of observer should prove to be mutually helpful in pursuing common goals and objectives concerning economic and social development at the national and international levels.

To facilitate the Council's consideration of this proposal, I am pleased to transmit the following documentation on the Islamic Development Bank:**

1. The Articles of Agreement
2. The regulations and by-laws
3. A list of member countries
4. The latest financial statement

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** The documents have been deposited with the Economic and Social Council secretariat and can be examined by member States upon request.

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I would be grateful for your early submission of this proposal to the Economic and Social Council for consideration and I hope for a favourable outcome.

(*Signed*) Mokhtar **Lamani**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer